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Last year's WSU rafters tackle the rapids head on

By J. E. Leeson
and Katie Byrne
The Guardian

The University's Outdoor Campus Recreation Department will travel to Hico, West Virginia for a three day white water rafting trip.

The twenty participants, which include faculty, staff and alumni of Wright State will depart on Thursday, July 23 and will return on Saturday, July 25. The rafting takes place on the New River, which flows from the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina to the New River Gorge located in West Virginia.

The total cost of the third annual trip will be \$120 for faculty and \$100 for students. All transportation, lodging and lunch the day of the rafting is included in the total cost of the trip.

On July 23, the rafters will travel from Wright State to West Virginia. The next morning participants will check in at North American River Runners for a thirty minute orientation.

"The orientation is as entertaining as it is informative," said Adapted Recreation Coordinator Christopher Price. After orientation is completed, rafters will take a short bus ride to the river where they will spend the rest of the day navigating rapids such as Miller's Folly, Double Z and the Keenleys. They will return to Dayton the next day.

The rafting trip originated in the early nineties and proved to be rewarding for the faculty and students who took part in the adventure. The Outdoor Recreation Department plans to continue the tradition and hopes that this year's trip will be just as successful as the previous ones.

WSU hikes fees for undergrads

Trustees raise tuition six percent

By Vikas Agarwal
News Editor

Show me the money. That's what Wright State University and other public universities in Ohio have been saying in recent years as the rates for undergraduate students in Ohio have been rising steadily for the last five years.

Among the universities with the highest tuition raise this year was WSU.

The Board of Trustees increased tuition by six percent, the maximum allowed by legislation in Ohio.

Other public universities in Ohio have raised tuition three to five percent this year. Even with the six percent increase, WSU tuition fees will still remain lower than many other universities in Ohio.

Ohio universities, including WSU, have high tuition rates due to limited state support in Ohio.

"Ohio is ranked 40th nationally in the amount of money the state gives to schools," said Rich Petrach, associate vice-chancellor of External Affairs at the Ohio Board of Regents.

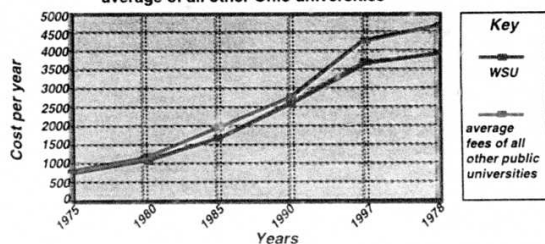
Community colleges are able to keep tuition low with a plan from the Ohio legislature called access funding.

Access funding guarantees community colleges will get more money per student as long as their tuition rates remain unchanged.

"Deliberations about allowing access funding to all public universities are arising again. It could happen in the near future," said Petrach.

WSU has raised tuition every year since 1964 (the year it opened).

Yearly academic tuition: Wright State vs.
average of all other Ohio universities



Infographic by Vikas Agarwal

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Faculty President Elected

Robert J. Sweeney, Ph.D. has been elected president of the faculty at Wright State University by his peers.

As president of the faculty, Sweeney will chair the WSU faculty Senate as well as the committee planning the inauguration of WSU's new president, Kim Goldenberg.

Sweeney has been at Wright State since 1989 as an assistant professor and became a full professor this year. He was named Outstanding Finance Professor three times and in 1995 received the WSU Teaching Excellence Award.



Dr. Sweeney

Sport acrobats to compete at WSU

An array of high flying acrobatics, out-of-this-world tumbling and unbelievable balancing feats are just a sampling of the many competitions you can expect to see at this year's 1998 United States Sports Acrobatics National Championships. This event will be held at the Nutter Center from August 4 through August 7.

Opening Ceremonies are scheduled for Tuesday evening. The ceremony will include the Grand March of the athletes, a special appearance by Olympic Gymnast Kim Zmeskal and the opening night of the prestigious competition. An estimated 600 athletes from across the country will attend the week long event.

Most Americans are unfamiliar with Sports Acrobatics. The sport is currently gaining prominence throughout the U.S. and the world. Sports Acrobatics is scheduled to premiere in the 2004 Olympics.

Comprised of seven events, Sports Acrobatics includes women's pair, men's pair, mixed pair, women's trio, men's four and men's and women's power tumbling. Pair routines are performed to music incorporating tumbling and dance. The tumbler's perform skills that require high flight and rapid speed as the athletes cover the length of the 80-foot tumbling surface. Additionally, the athletes perform partner skills of balance and tempo.

This sport is rapidly growing in spectator appreciation and recognition, especially within the Dayton area where new members are joining the sport. Hand 2 Hand Acrobatic Training Center in Springboro, Ohio will have a 25-member team competing in this year's National Championship.

For more information please call Michelle Caviness at (937) 438-1087 during the day or (513) 743-1466 after 4 p.m.



Brazilians get a taste of American culture at WSU

By Rachael Jebson
The Guardian

Cowboys, blonde hair, sex, drugs, rock n' roll, and freedom—American culture at its finest. These characteristics will be deemed reality or myth by thirteen Brazilian students from the Federal University of Parana and Pontifical Catholic University in Curitiba, Brazil until July 21.

The group kicked off their trip with a "Welcome Dinner" sponsored by Perry Moore, Dean of Liberal Arts, on June 29. "After we ate, the universities exchanged gifts. Then each of the students received Wright State shirts," said Senior Secretary of International Stu-

dent Programs, Teena Baldrige.

Throughout their stay they will visit local landmarks including the Air Force Museum, Kings Island, Young's Jersey Dairy and a "Blue Jacket" performance in addition to attending daily lectures and English classes. Other activities on the participants' itinerary were an Independence Day picnic and a trip to Chicago on July 6 full of stops at various cultural areas and sites.

When they return from Chicago, the students will stay with host families in Dayton for two weeks to experience average American life firsthand. A farewell ceremony on July 21 for the group and their host families will conclude their visit.

Car Stolen from WSU Lot

By Joe Holm
The Guardian

A vehicle was reported stolen Tuesday, July 7 in lot number seven at Wright State University.

The vehicle, described as a blue Buick Century, was reported stolen at 9:30 a.m. by the car's owner Carmen L. Tucker. She told authorities that she last saw the car at 12:30 a.m. when she parked her car.

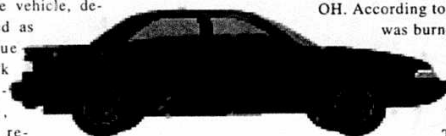
According to Tucker, the only two keys to the car belong to her grand-

mother and herself. There was no sign of broken glass around the area where the automobile was parked.

At approximately 6 p.m. Tuesday evening, the car was found at 1204 South Reynolds Road in Toledo, OH. According to reports, it was burned out.

The car was towed to Throne's Towing, in Toledo.

According to police there are no suspects. Authorities will be investigating. If you have any information about this or any other crime that occurs on campus call the office of public safety at 775-2111.



Campus Calendar

July 14

- Computer Literacy Workshop for the pre-computer generation, 005 Library Annex, 1 to 4 p.m. Class meets every Tuesday and Thursday through August 13. Cost is \$90. To register call the WSU Office of Continuing Education, 775-1100.

July 17

- School of Professional Psychology Workshop: Introduction to Forensic Psychology Practice, with David L. Shapiro, Ph.D., Student Union, 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Registration deadline July 3. Call 775-5512.

July 31

- School of Professional Psychology Hooding Ceremony. Call 775-3490 for information

- Annual WSU Golf Outing for employees and retirees and their families and

friends, Hidden Lake Golf Course (between Tipp City and New Carlisle on SR 571). Cost is \$40 per person. The Registration deadline is July 10. Call Bud Ash, 775-2411.

August 20

- Last day of class for Summer Quarter.

August 21

- Last day to apply for December graduation.

September 7

- Labor Day. The University closed.

September 14

- Beginning of the 1998-99 academic year.

September 16

- First day of class for Fall Quarter.

If your organization would like its meetings and events in *The Guardian's* calendar, contact Heather Bashara, 775-5536

Campus Crime Report

Arson Related

June 8: Unknown person(s) put a hole in the right front tire to a Buick.

Larceny-Theft

June 19: A Fairborn resident reported the theft of their computer valued at \$2000.

June 22: A Dayton resident reported the theft of their cell phone.

June 26: A Dayton resident reported the theft of their Macintosh laptop.

June 29: \$850 worth of equipment was stolen from 114 Biological Sciences Building #1.

July 1: A Xenia resident reported the theft of their clothes from the dryer of the Forest Lane laundry room

Off Public Peace

June 21: Police officers broke up a squall between two Fairborn residents

June 23: An Indiana resident was taken into custody for disorderly conduct

Master plan construction under way

Matt Dornauer and
Vikas Agarwal
for The Guardian

Dust, loud machines and less parking are merely side effects of WSU's massive campus reconstruction.

"The Wright State University Master Plan is a multiphase plan that will make the campus more inviting to students, faculty and staff," according to "Campus Master Plan."

Phase one was completed in late 1997. The administration hopes that phase one made pedestrian access to nearby stores easier. The Master Plan is now in phases two and three, which will be completed by October of this year.

Part of these phases in the Master Plan will be the addition of the large common area in the center of the university. This large green space will provide an area for students to study, play sports or relax. The commons will be conveniently located near the Student Union and Medical School.

Another aspect of these phases of the Master Plan will be the raised pedestrian walkways.

Raised pedestrian walkways are areas between roads where the blacktop will be elevated. This is being done so that pedestrians will be more visible to drivers and vice versa; especially during the icy winter months.

Safety is a major concern during the restoration process. Many disabled students and faculty members have voiced problems with the inconvenience of the construction. For example, an elderly woman complained about having trouble reaching the university hospital while in her wheelchair. A construction worker escorted the woman to her destination. The administration hopes that ultimately, the Master Plan will provide a more convenient route across the campus.

"Wright State University's facilities will be light years ahead technologically with the completion of the Master Plan" said Ron Heyart the Operations Manager of the Student Union. Currently WSU is leading the way in many cutting edge technologies, such as medicine.

The medical school recently discovered data that will help patients with bone marrow loss. The administration is anticipating that the new facilities built in the Master Plan will better the university and allow WSU to excel in a variety of fields.

Phase four, an earlier plan to make a wall enclosing the campus was canceled. The proposed \$750,000 wall was turned down on a vote from the faculty senate. "The wall would make this campus look like a prison cell," quoted numerous faculty members and students.

The next phase of the Master Plan is scheduled to begin in 1999. Phase five will cost a total of \$3.8 million. None of the funding for this plan has been obtained. This



A conceptual drawing of the WSU campus upon completion of the Master Plan

Courtesy of WSU

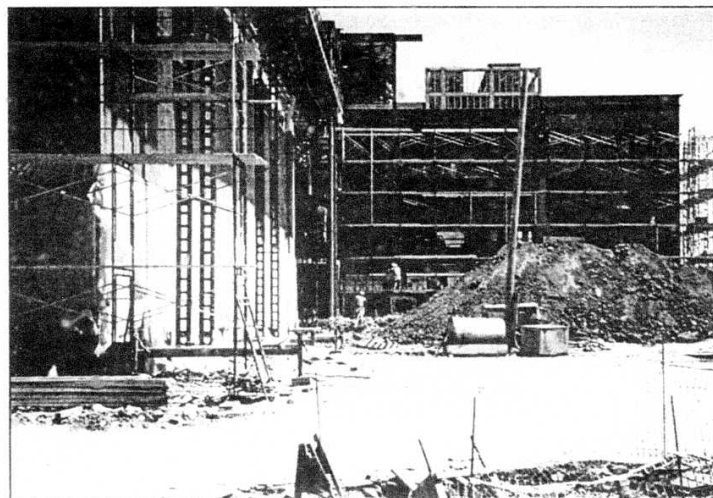
phase will include the renovation of University Boulevard. New pavement, light poles, and paths are some of the few improvements that will be made to it.

Phase six, the final major phase of the Master Plan, will cost \$3 million. This phase will focus on redeveloping the area between the Creative Arts Center and the library, creating a large forecourt plaza. Phase six will also concentrate on constructing a bike path on the east side of the Loop Road from Center Road to University Boulevard.

"Wright State University's re-landscaped area will beautify the University's campus, giving it a more collegiate atmosphere," said Mike Shulze, University Planner.

Main Goals of the Master Plan

- Creating a distinguished campus setting
- Improving the appearance and function of the university
- Proposing a comprehensive pedestrian system with emphasis on safety and convenience
- Developing a more efficient parking and vehicular circulation
- Decreasing visibility of parking lots
- Building a recreation area for students



A new academic facility being built by the Student Union and Hamilton Hall (right) is one of many changes currently being made as part of the WSU Master Plan. Administrators are anticipating that the facility once built will better the university and allow WSU to lead the way in a variety of fields.

Photo by Vikas Agarwal

OPINION

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Seeing through the ignorance of stereotypes

You're walking down the street and you happen to see a girl wearing Daisy Dukes, a crop top and enough makeup to supply Tammy Faye Baker for a year.

Your first thought is that just because of her appearance, she's promiscuous. You may be right but not necessarily. A prostitute could always be walking down the street at the same time in jeans and a t-shirt. What's on the outside doesn't always make the person.

Prior to meeting somebody we make assumptions about them that aren't necessarily true. Sometimes people wear clothes because they like how they look, not to define their personality.

Being involved in the pre-college

camp experience at Wright State *The Guardian* staff has had many experiences meeting new people from other camps. We assumed things about people to whom we had never been formally introduced.

During the first couple of days of camp, we thought we had a rivalry with the creative writing camp because of some of their campers' condescending attitude towards us. We would call the writers vicious names and do anything to annoy them.

One night while eating dinner, we had the privilege of meeting two members of our rival camp. They turned out to be the exact opposite of our assumptions. We

all felt very close minded for just assuming they were all alike.

We have now gained two new friends and learned a very valuable life lesson: Don't judge a book by its cover. Stereotypes are just a generalization of a personality group.

Just because the majority of a group dresses or acts a certain way doesn't mean the whole group does. Because of this fact, you can't just assume anything about anyone until you are personally acquainted.

Maybe then you'll find out they're exactly how you had pictured them or maybe you'll discover they're not what you had expected at all.

Raider Voices

What is your favorite camp memory?

We asked nine pre-college campers, pre-college counselors and Wright State University students what their favorite part of going to summer camp was.



"A pot of Jell-o exploded all over 30 people and that started a food fight between 550 people."

-Allyn Spear, 16, Bio-Science



"Meeting people I've never seen before and will probably never see again."

-Brian "Killa B" Lowery



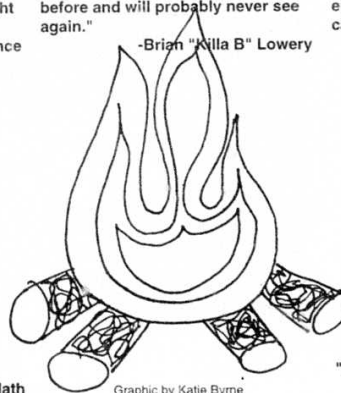
"When one of my campers spit out eighteen marshmallows during camp olympics."

-Rebecca Dodd, Counselor



"The chicks and the food."

-Matt Boyd, 14, Math



Graphic by Katie Byrne



"Fishing in North Carolina"

-Adam Durity, 14, Math

OP - ED

Joe's trippin' for Linda Tripp

Come on Eileen



By Joe Holm

As members of *The Guardian* staff know, I love Linda Tripp. Her eyes, her nose, her chins....

Monica? Not my type. Same goes for Paula and almost any other woman with whom the president allegedly had sexual contact. In fact, if Clinton wasn't the president, I'd be tempted to say his love life sucks.

But that's not the issue I'm here to complain about.

Sure, the prez has bad taste in women, but I really don't care.

What I do care about is the way the media is wasting my time with allegations, accusations and affairs with which the president may or may not be involved.

The nation seems to agree with me. When Tripp was bombarded by the press before her hearings with Kenneth Starr, people commented on her new look. Any hint of informed questioning was completely absent.

In fact, opening the *Dayton Daily News* last Wednesday I hoped to find some real Washington news. Unfortunately, I was hit by an article about Monica and friends. The article went into detail about Linda's new look, noting

how stylishly she was dressed.

Is this something I care about? No.

If you're in the boat with me, you want some much more useless dirt. Linda Tripp, born Linda Rose Carotenuto was arrested in May 1969 on grand larceny charges. She also brought Vince Foster his last meal (a hamburger with onions) and says everything that happened after his death was "strange and suspicious."

What the president does in his free time is, unfortunately, everyone's business. But I hate to see it get in the way of reporting what the president is really doing, such as his trip to China and balanced budget amendments.

The media's obsession with Monica Lewinsky, Paula Jones, Gennifer Flowers and Kathleen Willey just has to stop. These women are pieces of Clinton's past and I emphasize past. They have little or no effect over Clinton's policy-altering decisions, nor do they whisper in his ear what to do.

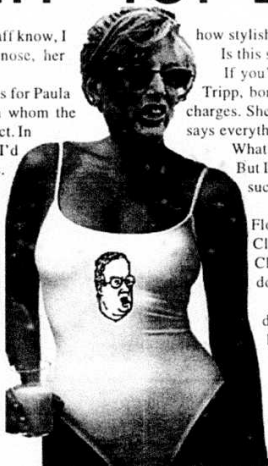
If approval ratings could speak, they would scream about the public's disinterest in Clinton's love life. After Lewinsky went public, his ratings hit an all-time high.

Sure, these affairs make great material for stand-up comics, but that's about it.

Affairs are nothing new to the presidency, with even the wholesome Jimmy Carter admitting to having lusty thoughts about other women. But, up until times of late, the press stuck their heads in the sand, giving a wink and a nudge to these lusty leaders.

Whatever happened to the good old days?

Photo Illustration by Rachael Jebseri and Vikas Agarwal



No one has the right to take a life

Call me crazy but I find it both inhu-

I column like I see 'em



By Katie Byrne

mane and immoral to kill. I think many will agree with me. What I want to know is how practices based on murder are still legal.

Abortion, capital punishment, assisted suicide and other similar prac-

tices have become very touchy topics of conversation because of people's widely varying opinions on the subject. I personally have been raised to cherish the sacredness of human life. Who has the right to say who lives and who dies? Judges, juries and doctors are all playing God when they take a criminal's or even a baby's life.

Imagine you were trapped and one person had your life in their hands. You're completely helpless. This is exactly the situation a baby is in when a mother decides she has the right to do away with their life. Even though this little person has no say in the decision, it is exactly the same as shooting a

human being in cold blood.

So many lives could be affected positively if the baby were put up for adoption. A family that was not able to have a child could get one and the baby would live a normal life with a suitable family.

I think capital punishment is very senseless. It has not been proven to be a deterrent. If it is not deterring murders from taking lives, what is its importance? If I had as much disrespect for human life as murderers do, I wouldn't care if I lived or died. I would find rotting my whole life away in a prison cell a much crueller fate. All human beings including criminals have

the same rights. The constitution states that "cruel and unusual punishment" is illegal. If killing some body isn't cruel and unusual, I don't know what is.

Although people believe they have the right to take away their own life, it is not something any one person should have control of. We are not meant to decide our lifespan. It happens when it happens and we should not be able to decide otherwise.

If all of these practices are unconstitutional, immoral, inhuman and inefficient, why are they still in use today? Everything happens for a reason and our opinions should not be part of these everyday decisions.



"It was when I first really learned how to play basketball well."

-Kevin J. Washington
(Li'l Kev Tha North Star)



"When my friends and I went hiking while it was raining and everyone was sliding in the mud."

-Kristen Alexander, 16, Bio-Science



"A boy forgot to close up his food in his cabin and woke up with a hungry raccoon on his chest."

-Sarah Hook, 16, Bio-Science



"Meeting so many great people. The friendships formed last a long time. I just got an e-mail from a camper from 2 years ago!"

-Rick Kaufold, counselor

Extension to Fitness Center complete

By Vikas Agarwal
News Editor

When you go to the Student Union Recreation Center is it packed?

"Well with an average population of 700 people visiting per night the Student Union Recreation Center is usually packed and the equipment is usually in use by someone else" said Lee Duteil Student Union Recreation Manager.

Wright State finally solved the problem.

The expansion of the rec center will be focusing on adding half the billiards and small activities room.

"The reason we chose these rooms was because the small activities rooms usage was very low and I never once saw all the pool tables being used" said Duteil.

Thankfully for the pool players there are still five other pool tables located in the old half of the room.

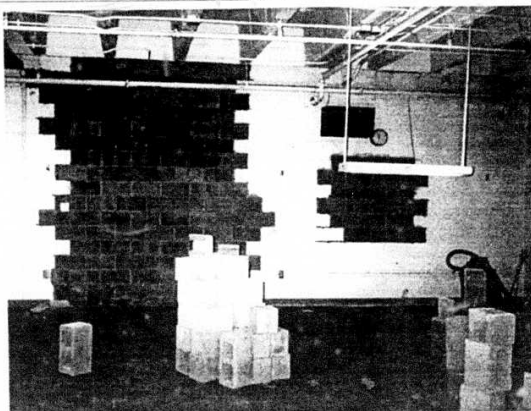
This new space will open up area for new equipment. Aerobic equipment will be moved

into the new area. The old area where the aerobic equipment was will now house the free weights.

The university is planning on enlarging their free weights area by adding more benches and weights," said Duteil.

The rec center is also taking bids for new treadmills, elliptical machines, recumbent bikes, row machines and other equipment. They are planning to have this new equipment in by the beginning of the fall quarter.

"With this new equipment and space the recreation department is hoping to be able to accommodate twice as many people" said Duteil.



Old half of Pool Room. A door and window were taken out of this room. This room and the small activities room will house some of the old aerobic equipment.

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SPOTLIGHT

Shrug to release new album

By Rachael Jebson and
Katie Byrne
The Guardian

Punk, 80's "geek" rock and early heavy metal come together to make the "lyric driven rock and roll" of Dayton band Shrug. Three and a half years ago, three guys got together with the hopes of making great music. Two bass players later, Shrug now consists of Tod Weidner, Dan Stahl and Adam Edwards.

"If it weren't for them we wouldn't be where we are now," Weidner says of the loyal Dayton fans. Shrug supporters have been patiently waiting for a second album and the band will finally deliver with their latest album, "Everything's Blowing up Roses," scheduled to be released on September 12.

In celebration of the record, Shrug will be holding a premiere party at their regular hangout, Canal Street Tavern on the day of release. Shrug is often seen on Mob Mondays in the Rat at WSU.

Shrug's new CD was recorded in New York, which makes the sound more polished and professional. "This album was a lot more fun than the first one," lead singer and guitarist Weidner said, "we did more experimentation." They added subtle organ chords throughout the CD to enrich the sound.

Shrug is no stranger to publicity. In 1995, they placed first in Dayton's Battle of the Bands. In the radio station 97X's competition "Total Xposure," Shrug placed in the final four with three other local bands: Jayne Sachs Band,

Ploughhouse and The Wendel Brothers. Over 100 bands were initially in the contest.

When they're not playing music, they have to do something to make ends meet. Weidner works in maintenance for a local real estate owner, drummer

Stahl is a lottery machine technician and bassist Edwards works for a mortgage company.

Their dream is to someday be able to "pay the bills doing music for a living." When asked if fame was their ultimate goal, they said they wouldn't turn it down but they enjoy entertaining the local fans for now.

Their dedication to the Dayton scene is what makes Shrug such a local hit. The new CD will definitely satisfy fans' craving for more Shrug.

They will be appearing at The Dayton Vineyard tomorrow night and at The Canal Street Tavern on August 8. Both shows will have a 5 dollar cover charge. For more information check out the Shrug website at www.shrug.com.



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High Schoolers Invade Wright State

By Joe Holm and
Matt Dornauer
The Guardian

Each summer, hundreds of high-school students flock to Wright State University for a myriad of pre-college programs.

These programs go on every summer for six weeks, and have been for eight years. Campers stay for either one or two weeks in the dorms, giving them a taste of college life.

Ages of campers vary from seventh grade to high school seniors.

The camps allow the high schoolers to get a head start on college by earning college credit hours.

For a one-week camp, students earn two hours of college credit. For two week programs, students earn four hours of credits.

Hands-on learning takes center stage at the pre-college camps. For example, the advanced biology students will be examining and exploring cadavers. The law and society program takes field trips to trials and judge's chambers. The

clown institute and the theater institute both put on shows at the end of their one-week stay.

The majority of the students in the camps are from Ohio but many others travel from different parts of the country. California, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina and Wisconsin are only a few of the many states represented at the camps.

New programs for the summer of 1998 is journalism, a law and society institute, math quest and an internet institute. These camps combine with 16 others to create a variety of choices for summer enrichment.

Although an emphasis is put on learning, the pre-college institutes at Wright State also encourage meeting new people. The friendships made at these one or two week institutes last much longer than one summer. Many counselors said their former students and campers still keep in contact with each other, even after

years of being separated.

Daily extra-curricular activities are organized for the campers upon finishing class. Weekend trips are longer and include traveling to King's Island, going to a minor league baseball game and taking a trip to the nearby mall. Weekday trips, although shorter, are geared toward an intellectual experience. The creative writing class went to Yellow Springs to write

stories, the journalism camp took a trip to the *Dayton Daily News* to get an inside look at the making of a newspaper and the clown institute performed a skit at a local day-care.

A typical day for a pre-college camper begins with breakfast served up at the student union cafeteria. From there, the masses of people (nearly 100 campers) separate into groups to attend their respective classes. These classes include any conceivable activity that would fit under its camp's heading.

As noon approaches, the campers share their experiences of classes with other campers over lunch in the cafeteria. Classes and hands-on experiences come before lunch and go until dinnertime.

Following dinner students return to the dorms where they are given free time. In this period, campers can select from a number of activities that include sporting events and a variety of games. Campers may also hang out in a dorm lounge.

At precisely ten o'clock, campers have time to participate in group activities with their residential assistant. The choices of activities are numerous. Some are vigorous and others may only involve talking about the day's events. The day comes to a conclusion at eleven o'clock.

The majority of the campers interviewed told us that they were enjoying their stay at Wright State and will consider returning next year. Students cited meeting new friends as one of their favorite aspects of the programs. The journalists have befriended and become a close-knit group during the two week session. The campers will keep in touch with one another by means of the telephone, E-mail, letters and periodical visits.

The Wright State University pre-college programs run from June 28 to August 7. For more information, call the office of pre-college programs at 775-3135.



Photo by Joe Holm

Lois Weinblatt, a student at clown camp, gives a balloon animal to a child at Kinderhaus daycare.

Armageddon hits rock bottom

By Joe Holm
Spotlight Editor

As aliens penetrated theaters last summer and asteroids continue the tradition this summer, one thing becomes evident—Dolly isn't the only thing being cloned.

Take for example, this summer's clones "Armageddon" and "Deep Impact," both are about an asteroid; both showcase big stars.

Let's talk a little about "Armageddon," shall we?

It begins as a normal day on the third rock from the sun until a little mishap occurs—rocks from space rain on New York City.

Responsibility for tracking these space rocks is handed to the people at NASA who realize they have a disaster at hand. The earth will be smashed and shaken by a giant asteroid in eighteen days.

This news goes straight to America's heads of state and instantly becomes top secret; the only proposed solution is drilling to the core of the asteroid and setting off a nuke.

Harry S. Stamper (Bruce Willis), the best oil driller this side of the solar system, is called on to drill the aforementioned hole. His crew of roughneck workers are given astronaut insta-training to save the earth.

This crew includes a mix of quirky characters who don't do too well in space. After blowing up space station Mir (I definitely saw that coming), they slingshot around the moon and make their pitiful landing on the "stroid. The crew overshoots the landing by 26 feet

and wrecks their spaceship.

Things go downhill from here, with the drilling crew making predictable blunder after blunder. Just when you think nothing more could go wrong, the drill breaks down and the fate of the world is on the line.

What to do?

Send in Ben Affleck and his crew. Although his crew is half-dead they still manage to save the hopeless Willis with their new drill. Hurrah!

"Hurrah" is definitely the theme

of this film, with an abundance of last-minute fixes saving only the main characters. Every save came at the last possible moment, completely ruining any hint of suspense after the seventeenth time.

The overuse of cliché action elements was a huge annoyance as well. For example, a bomb is stopped by clipping a wire with a tenth of a second left.

Okay, I can withstand this last-second save one time, but the second time the earth was saved with no time on the clock, the film lost a lot of my respect.

Obviously, "Armageddon" had some great performers, but it lacked great performances. Willis did okay, which is the same thing I can say for Ben Affleck. Liv Tyler did her best, becoming an interesting and pivotal character, but still not a great actress.

But who cares? This was an action movie for God's sake.

Last time I checked plot was

definitely not a strong point of action films. And acting tends to be a weak point too.

Like a good action film, "Armageddon" had an unoriginal plot and lousy acting. It also contained a body count in the thousands and some very gory scenes.

But don't induct it into the action film hall of fame just yet. "Armageddon" lacks the kick-you-in-the-nuts factor of "Die Hard" and Jackie Chan flicks. Although it tries to center its lame plot on Affleck and Tyler's love affair, it fails miserably.

However, Armageddon's worst offense is taking itself seriously. What was meant to be a good time at the movies became a sobfest on numerous occasions, which just doesn't belong in an action film. Overall, "Armageddon" fell behind in fun, excitement, acting and plot. However, I would be willing to forget it all had it kicked me in the nuts just once.



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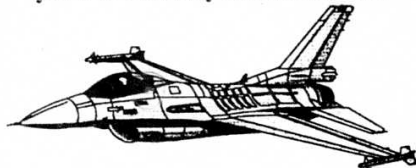
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Ultrababyfat ain't all that phat

By Rachael Jebben
The Guardian

Whether they're singing about late cult leader David Koresh in "What he said" or unusual love interests in "Bent on," Ultrababyfat manages to give the term girl rock a whole new meaning. However, there's something sickeningly familiar about their blend of bubblegum pop vocals and alt-rock melodies.

Ultrababyfat's sophomore album, *Silver Tones Smile*, is ripe with insubstantial lyrics and adolescent vocals reminiscent of Letters to Cleo and Veruca Salt. Fortunately, not all of the album sounds like it was done by a group of thirteen year old girls.

"Salem" is driven by the rhythmic stylings of Britta Phillips. The only male member of the band, Rodney Ueberroth, should get an A for being able to keep a steady beat but there was much left to be desired creatively.

Band founders Shonali Bhowmik and Michelle DuBois provide the syrupy voices, songwriting and amateur guitar riffs for Ultrababyfat. The Atlanta group released their first album, *Dragons Go Away*, under the name Babyfat in 1995 with the Girlie Action label.

The new album, when listened to repeatedly can even be called catchy, though Ultrababyfat's attitude is misleading. In "Bent on," a wonderfully happy tone anchors the dreary lyrics "...I like a guy, who's bent on self destruction." Others such as "Waier," try to convey a more angsty image with incomprehensible vocals and a slower tempo.

Silver Tones Smile is an unfortunate attempt at rock-stardom. Bhowmik and DuBois took an overdone sound and released an album that sounds like the Hanson brothers with twisted lyrics. If Ultrababyfat decides to do a third album, I suggest that they take voice lessons and a writing class.

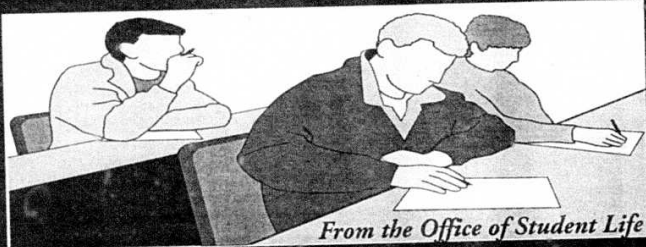


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SPORTS

Assistant basketball coach named

By Matt Dornauer
Sports Editor

Wright State University's men's basketball program is rocketing ahead with the acquisition of former UCLA star player and NBA sharpshooter "Rocket" Rod Foster.

Foster will join the men's basketball staff at WSU as an assistant coach to head coach Ed Schilling.

"Adding Rod Foster to our coaching staff is a huge blessing for our basketball program," said Schilling. "His experience as a college star and professional basketball player will be beneficial not only in recruiting, but also in dealing with our current players. Most of all, I am excited about Coach Foster's reputation as a man of outstanding character. We are very excited about Rod Foster joining our basketball family here at Wright State University."

Foster fills the vacancy of former Raider assistant coach, Otis Hughley. Hughley left WSU last month to become an assistant at Liberty University. Foster played at UCLA under current Loyola (IL) head coach Larry Farmer and current NBA veteran coach of the Philadelphia 76ers and he will begin immediately.

While playing at UCLA from 1979-83 Foster was awarded the school's "Most Out-

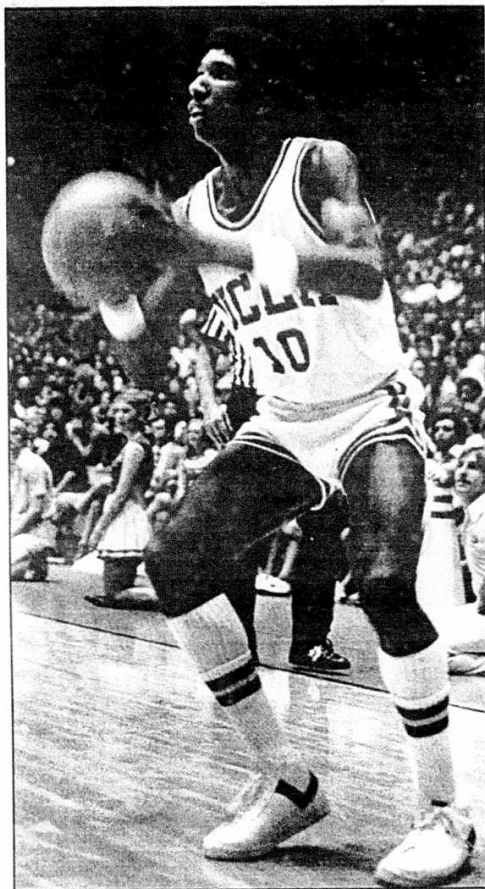
standing Freshman" in 1980 when the Bruins were national finalists. At UCLA, Rocket became the schools all-time leading free-throw shooter (.880), led the nation in free throw shooting (.950) during the 1982-83 season and was named to the All Pacific-10 Team in 1980. His career numbers included an average of 12.1 points per game, 52 percent shooting percentage from the field and a superb free throw shooting percentage of 86 percent from the charity stripe.

The Phoenix Suns chose Foster in the second round (27th overall) in the 1983 NBA Draft. During his stint in Phoenix, the speedy point guard led the team in three point shooting his first two seasons. After his NBA career, Rod played for various teams in the Continental Basketball Association and the World Basketball League before serving as an assistant coach at The Master's College under current Liberty head coach Mel Hankinson.



(Right) "Rocket" Rod eyes an open jumper against Idaho State.
(Left) Foster during his playing days at UCLA.

Photos from UCLA Archives



Raider's sign Israeli phenom Sheinfeld

6'10", 250-pound power forward/center will join the Wright State basketball program this fall

By Matt Dornauer
Sports Editor

Israel Sheinfeld, a 6-10, 250-pound powerhouse forward from Tel Aviv, has signed a University Letter of Intent to play basketball for the Raiders this upcoming season. The addition of the power forward/center fills WSU's void for a much needed big man.

"Although Israel was not highly recruited, we saw

tremendous potential as we watched him play and as we got to know him as a person," said Raider Head Basketball Coach Ed Schilling.

"What excites us about Israel is the type of young man that he is. We received great feedback from our current players about Israel during his official campus visit and he shows he is eager to learn in the classroom and on the court," he added.

Simmy Reguer, a commentator for Israeli basketball and longtime friend of Coach

Schilling, sent tapes of Israel to Schilling and several other U.S. coaches. After reviewing the tapes Schilling decided to pursue the player. The international hoopster was not highly recruited, although Schilling says that the raw potential is definitely there.

Schilling said he would like to have Sheinfeld play power forward this season, especially with senior Inus Norville (a UMass transfer) at center. According to Schilling, the determining factor of who will play what position depends on the play and quickness of Sheinfeld.

Israel is the fifth international player to sign with the Raiders basketball pro-

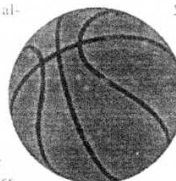
gram preceding Mike Nhar (Holland), Delme Herriman (England), Vitaly Potapenko (Ukraine) and Steno Kos (Austria).

Sheinfeld has spent the past three years playing basketball in the Israeli army and the Israeli under-22 national team.

Although teams in Israel do not keep statistics like American teams do, Sheinfeld estimates he averaged between 15 and 18 points a game last season.

However, Schilling cautions that people should not expect instant success from Sheinfeld.

"This isn't take two aspirins and we're in the top 20 tomorrow," Schilling said. "This is a five year plan. The quick fix is not an answer."



Girls basketball camp held at WSU

By Matt Dornauer
Sports Editor

These girls might not be in the WNBA, but they sure can hoop it up.

Wright State University's Girl's Summer Basketball Camp was held June 26 through June 28 and June 29 through July 2 in the E.J. Nutter Center.

The camp was geared for girls in grades 4 through 12 with varying skill levels. The girl's camp included 135 total campers. Seventy-one of the campers were commuters from both in and out of Ohio. The remaining 64 girls stayed on campus in dorms.

Campers received instruction in all facets of the game. "The girls are able to

compete within their respective grades and skill levels," said WSU women's basketball guard Chanda Hollingsworth. The girls were grouped according to their age

and skill level. Directing the camp was WSU Women's Head Coach, Lisa Fitch. Assisting with camp instruction were Assistant Coaches Lori Collins and Holly Sivesind. Additionally, past and present Raider team members helped with

games, and team practice.

After lunch, the afternoon session included: free throw shooting, special contests, one-on-one play and finally league games.

The cost of the Girls Basketball Camp was \$250 for residents and \$130 for commuters.

Included in the registration fee were the instruction, a T-shirt and a personal evaluation of each camper.

The size of the camp was increased because of the cancellation of the Girls Team Camp. The final day of camp was devoted to camp competitions, such as free throws, one-on-one, speed dribbling and league games.

The girls were able to compete aggressively



Photograph by Matt Dornauer

Brandy Terrel squares up for a 3-pointer



Photograph by Matt Dornauer

The WSU Girl's Basketball Camp contained numerous competitions. One of the competitions included free-throw shooting.

while still enjoying the camaraderie and excitement associated with the contests.

The camp gives these girls an overall view of the skills they need to develop and work harder on improving. "Hillingsworth said, 'the main goal is that the girls have fun.' According to campers, the overall experience of the camp was rewarding.

"Being one of the better players in the camp nice because I can show my skills and try to improve my weaknesses for the upcoming season," said Amy Jordan a senior point guard from Tuscarawus High School.

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Pre-College campers go for the gold

By J.E. Leeson
The Guardian

One of the most exciting events at the Wright State University Pre-College Camps this summer was the camp olympics that took place on Wednesday, July 1.

Representatives from the various camps took part in seven events which included the "chubby bunny," the toilet paper

race, the mummy roll, the egg toss, egg race, the limbo and the water balloon toss.

The water balloon toss was dominated by campers in the journalism program, who also went on to win the egg toss. The egg race tested the students' maneuverability skills and hand-eye coordination as they hurried to beat each other to the finish line while balancing a raw egg on a spoon. The journalists were unsuccessful

in their attempt to win the egg race, which was won by the clown campers.

A student from the creative writing workshop was triumphant in the "chubby bunny" event by being able to hold eighteen marshmallows in his mouth and say "chubby bunny" intelligibly. The creative writers were also victorious at the limbo. The limbo event proved to be a game that united all of the teams as onlook-

ers cheered for members of opposing teams as well as their own.

Students in the clown camp successfully directed a roll of toilet paper down their lane and back to win the toilet paper race. They also succeeded in turning their partner into a mummy during the second half of the event. All of the campers had difficulty mastering the technique of wrapping their partners because the one-ply toilet paper that they were using would break frequently.

As a reward for their participation, all of the campers received popsicles for a job well done.



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Campers see how low they can go in the limbo competition.

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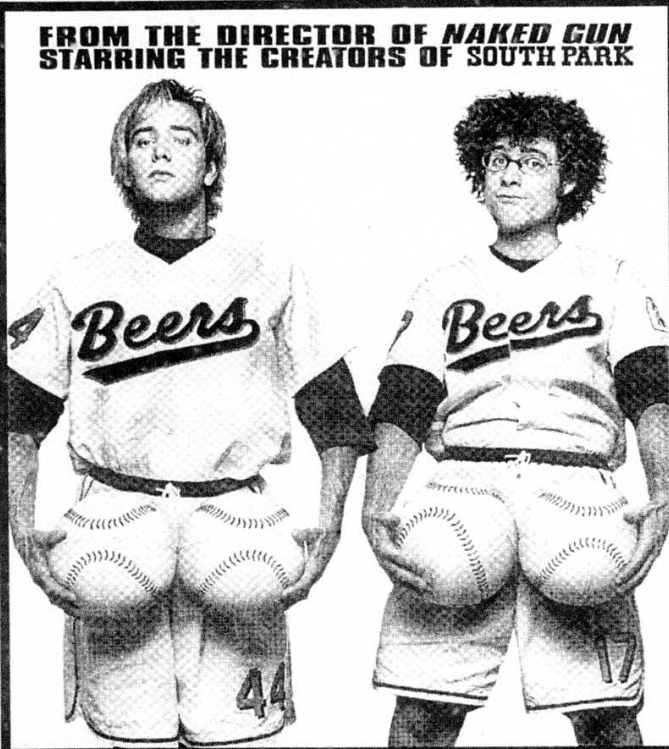
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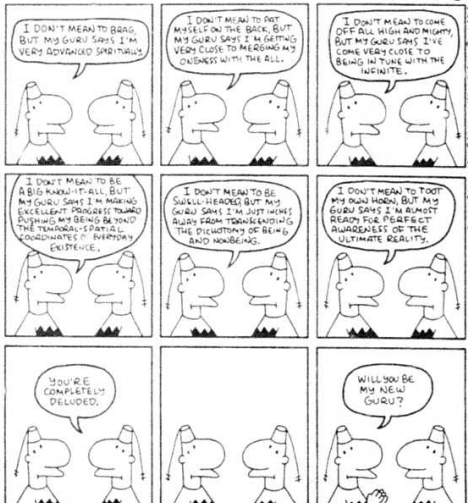


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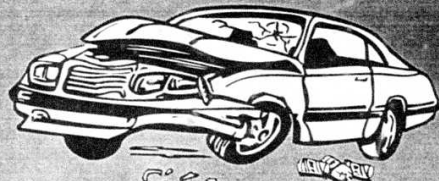
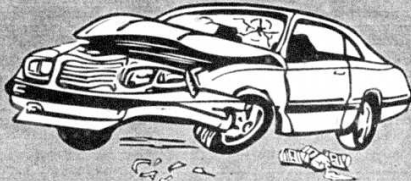


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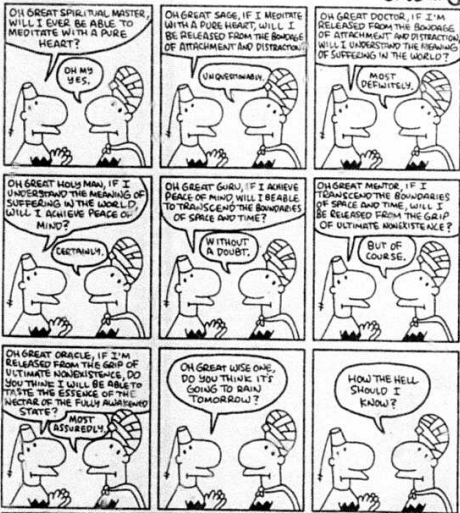
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